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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-11-52

WEATHER Unseasonably mild weather prevailed during most of the week, with no precipitation except scattered light snows on Tuesday, mostly over the southeastern portion of the state. Several days were rather windy. There was much bright sunshine.

CROPS Some early spring farm work began last week under the stimulus of unseasonably mild weather. Tree buds are swelling and some of the early spring flowers are starting. Several southern counties reported the cutting of corn stalks, disking, liming of soils and the seeding of clover. Shipments of potatoes in western Nebraska are increasing. A considerable number of auctions of farm property are slated for February.

Winter wheat is greening up throughout practically all of the wheat belt except in the Panhandle. Except for a little damage from high winds on light soils in western Nebraska, reports on winter wheat are very favorable. Most of the reports indicate that wheat has a good root system. The surface soil is a little dry and a half inch of rain throughout the wheat belt would be very helpful and would reduce the danger of damage to wheat from a drop in temperature.

The warm weather of the past week is causing a greater concern over the keeping quality of soft corn. There was increased activity in shelling and marketing corn and plans to continue feeding up the soft corn. One county reported that some stored corn was giving off an alcoholic odor, indicating some fermentation. There was also some increasing activity in drying corn so that it would keep for summer feeding.

Practically all of the winter range is now open and corn stalk fields in northern Nebraska are available again. There are some reports of alfalfa being scarce but one county reported the average price at \$12, which is far below previous reports on the price of alfalfa.

LIVESTOCK Reports for the week show an increasing number of counties reporting a shortage of feed grains and particularly concentrates. With very few exceptions, the hay and forage supply is ample throughout the state. A few counties report an increased interest in sows for spring farrowing. One county reports some loss of feeder sheep, probably due to faulty feeding. There is considerable spraying of cattle for grubs, lice and some skin disease.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1952

Eastern Division

Grand Island .03  
Lincoln .08  
Norfolk .01  
Omaha 0  
Sioux City 0

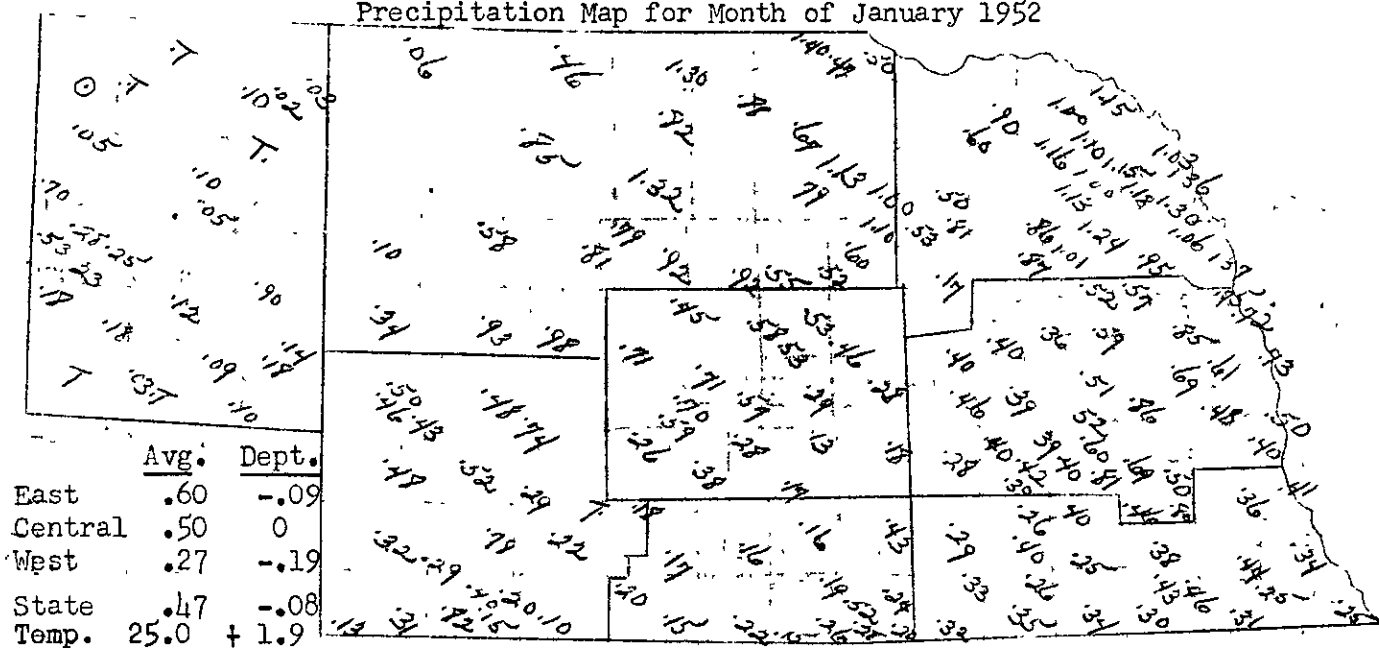
Central Division

Burwell 0  
Lexington 0  
North Platte 0  
Valentine .01

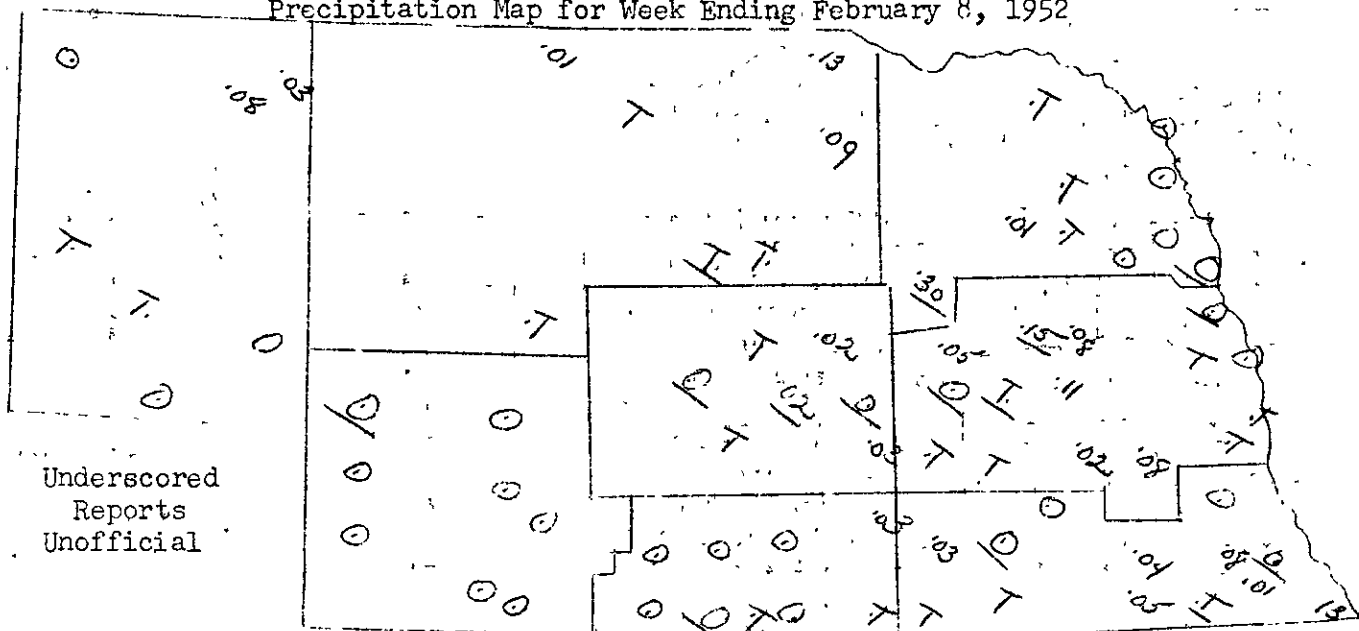
Western Division

Chadron 0  
Imperial 0  
Scottsbluff 0  
Sidney 0

Precipitation Map for Month of January 1952



Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 8, 1952



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		February		5th		6th		7th		8th		9th		10th		11th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	32	43	24	53	23	--	26	51	22	63	30	59	23		
	Scottsbluff	50	30	42	19	50	26	56	23	54	25	59	29	60	23		
	Sidney	49	31	40	19	49	22	60	25	56	24	60	31	58	21		
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	47	23	58	27	40	24	63	33	53	24		
	Valentine	47	32	36	23	44	28	55	24	43	25	47	14	52	27		
NE	Norfolk	49	32	34	21	39	30	53	30	42	26	49	35	52	24		
	Sioux City	46	25	32	21	32	25	49	29	40	29	53	30	50	25		
CEN.	Grand Island	51	30	37	22	48	28	61	30	44	26	65	34	57	25		
	Lexington	52	28	42	20	51	23	63	28	45	20	64	23	59	19		
E-C	Lincoln	51	33	35	21	43	31	57	36	40	30	62	34	57	27		
	Omaha	48	28	--	--	39	27	53	30	42	28	57	39	55	25		
SW	Imperial	53	34	44	24	49	28	65	29	48	27	63	30	60	23		
	North Platte	52	30	42	21	46	24	59	27	46	20	61	26	57	21		